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SUBJECT: IREX: STUDENT MAIL-OUT OF RESEARCH MATERIALS

REF: SUTTER/RICHMOND CORRESPONDENCE

1. P&C PROPOSES USING EMBASSY POUCH TO MAIL OUT IREX EX-CHANGE RESEARCH MATERIALS IN PLACE OF PRESENT USE OF APO. PRINCIPAL REASON FOR CHANGE IS TO BE ABLE TO REGISTER PACKAGES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT AND WASHINGTON AND FINAL DESTINATION OF PACKAGE, THUS HOPEFULLY AVOIDING LOSS OF IRREPLACEABLE SCHOLARLY MATERIALS.

2. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS IN EMBASSY OUR PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS. P&C WOULD SEND PACKAGES VIA POUCH TO CU/EE FOR DEPOSIT AS REGISTERED MAIL UNDER FRANK IN US POSTAL SYSTEM. PACKAGES WOULD BE DOUBLE WRAPPED WITH FINAL DESTINATION ADDRESS ON INNER WRAPPER AND CU/EE ADDRESS ON OUTER WRAPPER. UPON RECEIPT CU/EE WOULD REMOVE OUTER WRAPPER AND FORWARD PACKAGE TO FINAL DESTINATION UNDER REGISTRY.

3. P&C BELIEVES USE OF FRANK JUSTIFIED TO PROTECT VALUABLE MATERIALS WHICH ARE RESULTS OF EXCHANGE SUPPORTED BY DEPARTMENT. TO ATTEMPT TO CALCULATE MAILING COSTS FROM DEPARTMENT TO FINAL DESTINATION WOULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN LIMITED EMBASSY RESOURCES.

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4. BECAUSE PROPOSAL WOULD ENTAIL EXTRA ADMINISTRATIVE
WORKLOAD FOR CU/EE WE SEEK YOUR CONCURRENCE BEFORE
INSTITUTING SYSTEM. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY FIFTY EXCHANGEES
IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WHO WOULD BE MAILING PACKAGES DURING
NEXT MONTH, MONTH AND A HALF. EMBASSY WOULD STAGGER MAILINGS
BY MAILING LIMITED NUMBER OF PACKAGES EACH POUCH WHICH LEAVES
EMBASSY THREE TIMES A WEEK FOR DEPARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR
DECISION SOONEST.
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